



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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Feb. 17, 2020

Feb Programs??
Feb. 20 Students of Month



The Circle for February was: Dan Carlson and Dan Moore. (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the **Downtowner**) It helps if ONE person reports for the entire circle. Circles for the year 2019-2020 are posted with copies available.

March's Circle is Bonnie, Dave Nelsen and Clare.

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at
WWW.Kiwanisroch.org

Significant expenses since last issue: We have changed treasurers. Bill Kalmes has those duties now. If he sends me information for the Newsletter, I'll get it in there. (a check for \$750 to a scholarship winner. Paid to his college)

Remember, we need officers for next year. Co-Presidents has worked well, Consider it!!! Tell our current presidents for volunteers or suggestions.



April 4th will be our annual packing of Food For

Kidz in Stewartville. That is always a fun and interesting event. It is a good time working with other Kiwanians and friends. As has been our custom the past several years, Our club voted to send them a \$2000 contribution toward the acquisition of the dried food. When the signup sheet comes around, be sure to sign it and be a part of the event. More later.



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*Senior Member **Privileged Member ***Honorary
Member

**** Senior & Long Term Perfect Attendance

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The preceding list reflects the official roster of active members according to Kiwanis International. If a name is

missing or one is present that should not be, please let C. Warren know. **District & International web sites:**

www.kiwanis.org

PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS

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The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at
the Meeting Room in Homewood Suites (next door to
Courtyard Marriott 161 13th Avenue SW,
Rochester, MN 55902

Parking is free at rear of Marriott Hotel. Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is a buffet including an entree, fruit, salad, and drink for (\$13.50)

Newsletter Changes

Remember to call Clare Warren at 254-2087 if you have anything you feel is newsworthy. We are trying to get the newsletter out every other week. It can be effective if you feed in the right information. Feel free to contribute something for publication!

Be sure to read the roster once in awhile and report any errors to C. Warren

Why not! If you have a computer, why not try to receive the Kiwanis Newsletter via e-mail. It is a quick and easy way for us to get the letter to you on time. We now have 21 ACTIVE members receiving it regularly. They enjoy the ability to get it in COLOR.

at www.kiwanisroch.org 2018-19

Daniel Nelson

Co-Presidents



*Immed. Past Co-Presidents
Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins*

*Co-Vice President
Treasurer
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Committees

**Club Rep to District
Membership, Growth &
Public Relations
Community Services
Youth Service & YCPO**

Programs

Circles of Service Human and Spiritual Values Finance Donations/Charities

Co-Presidents next yr. are

(Still no names for co-Presidents next year)



Lee Herald

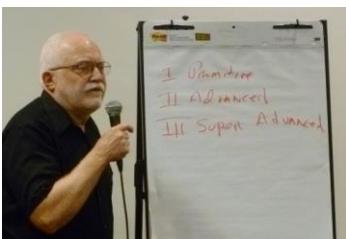
Is a familiar figure around Rochester. This past week he presented his program on 'Flags.' Lee talked quite a lot about the 'Rochester' flag and its debatable importance. He feels there is some commercial value in promotion of the city as to what it offers in the way of business, schools, arts, religion, etc. The flag 'for our



'future' is shown here. Does that float your boat?

Lee told us how the American flag evolved. It is the inclusion of Scottish, British, India (stripes)
Flags can be symbols of national pride and cohesion.

For a more detailed description, go to Google and/or Wikipedia.



What a disappointment with Dr. Ron this

year. In his annual review of the best movies, writers, directors, etc. he lists his educated guesses. Last week he says last year that he had 93% right. His goal this year was to be 100%.

64% didn't quite make it. Be sure we tease him over this short-coming.

(He is very knowledgeable from his reading and actually seeing the movies, but we never want him to know that we think that is cool!)

We have a Social Hour coming on Wednesday this week Feb. 19 at the American Legion again.

5 PM

Reading at YMCA

Bonnie, Al and Dick W. will be participating in reading to the kids. Feb. 24 Call Bonnie for time.



Dan Carlson

Pulled extra duty on short notice a couple weeks ago. The scheduled program called late and cancelled. Dan graciously stepped up with one of his essays and entertained us.

His program could have been titled "Fashion" or "Clothing over 100 Years" or some along those lines.

Dan started telling that without a doubt the job he had at Apache Mall many years ago was the job he hated most in his life. But he came to learn that women view shoes, not as footwear, but as fashion accessories. They believe that they are noticed first based on what is adorning their feet rather than their

clothing or even their smiles. They must have shoes of every color, style and for every function. This is especially true for formal occasions such as weddings and high society events.

In those days Dayton's did carry duty shoes for nurses but they were all white shoes and the brand name was Clinique. They were like the chunky black shoes that my eighty year old grandmother wore when I was in grade school. I asked my wife why not wear Nikes, Adidas or Puma athletic shoes but she scoffed at my fashion advice. Now this is common footwear for nurses and other medical personnel on the floor.

I used to be amused that sometimes men would go shopping for shoes with their wives and when the wife was fitted, she asked the husband what he thought. He usually said, "Do they fit?" which I thought was a germane question. She wanted a fashion statement reply for she was not buying shoes for comfort. She was willing to risk bunions, hammer toes and imperil her feet with all forms of deformities to make a fashion statement. Maybe she was buying these shoes for a single occasion and then leave them to languish in the shadows of the closet to be forgotten as Edgar Allen Poe would say -"evermore."

So first of all I shall attempt to enlighten you on the art of buying shoes for they do form the very basis of what you wear every day. Fashion does start from the ground up and so I shall start there.

1. Shoes- make sure the shoe fits- My father bought me a pair of shoes on sale that he was confident I would grow into. I had a pointed toe and a larger size was not available. It was brown tie shoe and I wanted a black loafer. He told me that only loafers wear loafers and so we got the brown shoes that never fit. I now have a right left toe that

permanently shoots out at a 45 degree angle. Make sure your shoe fits! This is basic.

2. Women would always ask me if the shoe is hot to wear. I had no idea what the question meant until I learned that women wore panty hose and when the nylon of the hose rubbed against an artificial fiber insole the end result was heat from the friction. If you want a comfortable shoe leather or a so-called natural fiber, it is far preferable to some variant of plastic. Shoes have changed over the years but I must admit that I am wearing penny loafers that I probably bought sometime in the 1980's. The moral to my story is that shoes should last a long time if you get to know the shoe repairman. In Rochester that is 'Only Shoe Repair on N. Broadway. I also would recommend that you have a good walking or running shoe, good shoes to mow the lawn, a pair of leather boots to wear in winter, a pair of grippers with some spikes on them that Donald Trump was seen wearing on his last trip to Europe. Men should have a pair of good Work boots, women a comfortable pair to garden in. Women should have a pair of sandals or at least open toed strappy types of shoes for warm weather. I am deathly against high heels. I do not see them as being safe. My closing piece of advice is that you spend about 1/3 of your time in bed and the rest of it in your footwear. Do not go cheap on either purchase. A hundred dollars is not an extravagance for shoes anymore for full price. Remember there are a lot of discount opportunities, but it is always best to try them on before you buy.

(I'm stopping at this point but may continue in another issue. I am taking some editor's prerogative and writing something personal. Sorry)

Dan's story on shoes brought back a similar experience I had back in the '50's. I was a first year college student and needed a part time job. I got a phone call via a local merchant, telling me to visit their 'Fashion Clothing' store in Flint, MI. I went in for the interview. What they wanted was some extra help in the Women's Shoe Dept. I was a 'newbie', so took it. They had 2 30 something aged men clerks who were real pieces of work with the ladies. I learned several things from them. One was take some time in the back room when looking for something you know you don't have in stock. Another delay in the back might be adjusting a shoe that 'seems a little snug on this toe.' Often 4 minutes in the storeroom with a stretcher works miracles. If I got into a problem, I'd get 'Slick' to take over and sweet talk some lady into a well fitted shoe.

Probably the most important thing I learned from those guys was learning to like coffee. They would send me down the alley most days to the back door of a coffee shop with specific orders for their coffee and would pay enough for me too.

So, Dan, other men have had similar experiences in the Ladies shoe department. I only lasted part of a year in that job before I quit and started driving delivery truck for the city newspaper.

RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE ARGUING OVER WHO LOST THE KEYS...



SHOULD I TELL THEM OR JUST SIT BACK AND LAUGH.